

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Chapter 1052-A: CHILD CARE SERVICES HEADING: PL 1993, c. 158, §2 (new)

§3737. PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS

1. No payments to recipients. The department may not make cash payments to recipients for child care services provided under this chapter, except when those payments represent reimbursement for services already provided to the recipient.

[1993, c. 158, §2 (NEW) .]

2. Maintenance of existing options. The department shall ensure that child care funds are distributed through a range of mechanisms, including, but not limited to, vouchers to recipients and contracts to providers.

[1993, c. 158, §2 (NEW) .]

3. Quality differential. To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall pay a differential rate for child care services that meet or that make substantial progress toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards, such as those standards required by the Head Start program or required for accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and shall do so from the Child Care Development Fund 25% Quality Set-aside funds or by other acceptable federal practices. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules must establish a 4-step child care quality rating system and must provide for graduated quality differential rates for step 2, step 3 and step 4 child care services.

A. [2013, c. 559, §1 (RP) .]

B. [2013, c. 559, §1 (RP) .]

Nothing in this subsection requires the department to pay a quality differential rate for child care services provided through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant.

[2013, c. 559, §1 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1993, c. 158, §2 (NEW). 2001, c. 394, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 559, §1 (AMD).

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